

OWASIPPE LODGE - ORDER OF THE ARROW
CHICAGO AREA COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Dear Ordeal Member:

Your statement has been received and is presently under consideration. Enclosed you will find a copy of 31 Questions. You will be required to know the answers. Your statement and answering of 31 questions correctly will aid the committee in conferring Brotherhood membership upon you.

After the Brotherhood ceremony, you will become a "Brother" in the Lodge. The Order is trying thereby to impress upon the new member the value of a life of cheerful service to others and the knowledge that all others are his brothers.

The Ordeal consists primarily of physical impressions, new associations, and additional preparation. The Brotherhood ceremony is one of deeper and quieter mental impressions for the member.

The next Brotherhood ceremony will be conducted on:

_____ at _____.

You will be required to attend the entire Fellowship commencing at _____
and end approximately _____.

Cost, including Brotherhood sash, will be _____ and should be sent
to:

You are to be reminded that if your reservation form is not received before _____, your opportunity to receive the Brotherhood at this time will be withheld. An opportunity will be available at another time.

Yours in cheerful service,

Chairman, Brotherhood Committee

Promote Scout Camping

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QUESTION LIST FOR EXAMINATION OF MEMBERS IN THE BROTHERHOOD MEMBERSHIP

1. Q. WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE FIRST MEMBERSHIP OF THE ORDER OF THE ARROW?
A. The Ordeal Membership.
2. Q. WHY IS IT SO CALLED?
A. Because it is preceded by a fourfold ordeal.
3. Q. WHAT ARE THE FOUR PARTS OF THIS ORDEAL AND THEIR RESPECTIVE PURPOSES?
A. A night of camping alone under the heavens, to prove my self-reliance; a day of arduous toil, to indicate my willingness to serve others; twenty-four hours of scant food, to demonstrate my power of self-denial; and a like period of silence, to test my self-control.
4. Q. HOW WERE YOU PREPARED FOR THE ORDEAL?
A. I was led by Kichkinet to the north end of the camp where Meteu asked me to test the bow as proof of sincerity of purpose.
5. Q. WHEN YOU HAD COMPLETED THE ORDEAL, HOW WERE YOU DEALT WITH?
A. I was placed on the trail which leads to the circle of the Lodge.
6. Q. BY WHOM WERE YOU FIRST STOPPED AS YOU APPROACHED THE CIRCLE?
A. By Nutiket, the guard, who asked if I had passed the Ordeal without flinching.
7. Q. WHO NEXT BARRED YOUR FURTHER PROGRESS?
A. Meteu, who inquired if I had been given the admonition.
8. Q. HAD YOU BEEN GIVEN THE ADMONITION?
A. I had not, but Kichkinet, my guide, had and gave it for me.
9. Q. BEFORE WHOM DID YOU THEN AT LAST ARRIVE?
A. Before Allowat Sakima, the Chief of the Fire, who asked if I had been completely prepared to receive the Obligation.
10. Q. WHAT WAS KICHKINET'S REPLY TO THIS INQUIRY?
A. "Only in the binding of them together."
11. Q. HOW DID KICHKINET CALL THE ATTENTION OF EACH OF THESE OFFICERS TO YOUR PRESENCE?
A. By three taps of the hand upon the left shoulder.
12. Q. WHAT DID THESE THREE TAPS SIGNIFY?
A. The three parts of the Scout Oath.
13. Q. HOW DID EACH OF THE OFFICERS RESPOND TO KICHKINET'S TAPS?
A. By one tap, followed by two taps, on the left shoulder.
14. Q. WHAT DID THESE TAPS REPRESENT?
A. The twelve points of the Scout Law.
15. Q. HOW WERE YOU AND YOUR COMPANIONS BOUND TOGETHER?
A. By a rope, which, until we took the Obligation, represented our tie to the Brotherhood.
16. Q. HOW WAS YOUR PREPARATION FOR THE OBLIGATION COMPLETED?
A. Nutiket directed me to hold my right hand at the Scout sign and repeat the Obligation after Allowat Sakima.

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(cont.)

17. Q. REPEAT THE OBLIGATION.
A. I, _____, do hereby promise on my honor as a Scout, that I will always and faithfully observe and preserve the traditions of the Order of the Arrow, WIMACHTENDIENK, WINGOLAUCHSIK, WIAHEMUI, which I have now received. I will always regard the bonds of Brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow as lasting and will seek to preserve a cheerful spirit even in the midst of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities, and will endeavor, so far as in my power lies, to be unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others.
18. Q. IN WHAT DID METEU THEN INSTRUCT YOU?
A. In the Legend upon which our Order is founded.
19. Q. WHO ARE THE CENTRAL FIGURES OF THAT LEGEND?
A. The aged chieftain Chingachgook and his son Uncas who, by their cheerful and self-sacrificing service, are said to have saved the Delaware Lodges from annihilation.
20. Q. WHAT DID ALLOWAT SAKIMA THEN IMPART TO YOU?
A. The symbol and handclasp of the Order, the admonition and the sign of the Ordeal membership.
21. Q. WHAT IS THE SYMBOL OF THE ORDER?
A. The Arrow, whose undeviating course when aimed high is a token of leadership.
22. Q. HOW IS IT WORN BY MEMBERS OF THE ORDEAL MEMBERSHIP.
A. Pointing over the right shoulder.
23. Q. GIVE ME THE HANDCLASP OF OUR ORDER.
24. Q. HOW MUST THE ADMONITION ALWAYS BE GIVEN?
A. Whispered in the ear.
25. Q. WHAT IS THE ADMONITION?
26. Q. WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
27. Q. WHAT IS THE SIGN OF ORDEAL MEMBERSHIP.
A. It is made with the right hand over the left shoulder moving as if drawing an arrow from a quiver.
28. Q. WHAT IS THE FULL NAME OF THE ORDER?
A. Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui.
29. Q. IN WHAT LANGUAGE IS IT GIVEN?
A. In the language of the Delaware Indian, the Lenni Lenape.
30. Q. WHAT IS ITS MEANING IN ENGLISH?
A. The Brotherhood of Cheerful Service.
31. Q. GIVE THE WORDS OF (or sing) THE SONG OF THE ORDER.
A. Firm Bound in Brotherhood, gather the clan,
That Cheerful service brings to fellow man.
Circle our Council fire, wield tightly every link,
That binds us in Brotherhood, Wi-mach-ton-dienk.

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